

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

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ACREAGE OF CROPS, SEASON 1931-32.

The Government Statist reports having completed an estimate of the probable acreage either sown or intended to be sown with Cereals for the Season 1931-32. This estimate is based on returns received from farmers in each agricultural hundred of the State.

Following the usual practice further reports will be obtained after all sowing is completed when the whole of the figures will be reviewed for a further estimate to be issued in September.

ESTIMATED WHEAT ACREAGE.

Division	Actual 1930-31	Estimated 1931-32	Increase
Central	708,915	695,000	- 13,915
Lower North	933,983	915,000	- 18,983
Upper North	356,778	390,000	+ 33,222
South Eastern	71,984	60,000	- 11,984
Western	1,264,450	1,175,000	- 89,450
Murray Mallee	1,171,103	1,065,000	- 106,103
Total State	4,507,213	4,300,000	- 207,213

When it is recalled that the area sown last season, 4,507,213 acres, was substantially a record the decrease of 207,000 acres or 5% this Season is insignificant. The increase from 1925-26 had been continuous and substantial, as follows :-

1925-26 - 2,750,873 acres; 1926-27 - 3,003,667; 1927-28 - 3,324,983 ac;  
1928-29 - 3,775,601 acres; 1929-30 - 3,987,310; 1930-31 - 4,507,213 ac.

BARLEY - Actual 1930-31 - 267,369 acres, Estimated 1931-32 - 240,000

OATS - Actual 1930-31 - 519,300 acres, Estimated 1931-32 - 522,500.

AREA FALLOWED. The area fallowed during 1930-31 for the 1931-32 crops was 2,513,000 acres. The substantial increase since 1925-26 is shown as follows :- 1925-26 - 1,885,753 acres; 1926-27 - 2,099,979 acres; 1927-28 - 2,169,483 acres; 1928-29 - 2,199,231 acres; 1929-30 - 2,293,964 acres, and 1930-31 - 2,513,000 acres.

FIVE YEARS CLEARING OF NEW LAND. During the five years to 1929-30 886,381 acres have been cleared in the Western Division 225,782 during 1929-30; and 725,301 acres in the Murray Mallee Division, 138,233 acres during 1929-30. The total for the whole State is 1,726,258 acres and 392,168 acres for year 1929-30.

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